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Dear LaGrand and June:

Hope you found all well at home when you arrived, as I did. It was a joy to get to know such a lovely couple as you and to be with you on our tour. I admired your pleasant, considerate and helpful manner and want you to know how much I appreciated your association. Would love to have you call to see me when you are up this way. I live just two miles west of I-15, Exit 390, just south of the Idaho-Utah line.

In your history of our tour to Switzerland, I'm sure you have included all the details of the events as they occurred from day to day. Therefore, I will only briefly give you my impressions and feelings concerning this marvelous and never to be forgotten experience.

It was so touching to visit those lowly homes in which our grandparents were born and lived; and, especially the one in which our grandfather, John Kunz, III, was taught the Gospel by Elder Karl G. Mauser. If I never had a deep testimony of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ before, I certainly do now. And, if I was never thankful for my great heritage from my Swiss grandparents, I certainly am now. They surely were the elect of the Lord.

How grateful we should be that among all the thousands of people in their homeland who had the opportunity of hearing the Truth they were among the few who would listen, obtain a testimony and remain faithful to the end of their lives. Had they not been willing to follow the counsel of the Lord's leaders, I fear that I would now be there in that beautiful land cutting the lush grass on those steep hillsides with a little hand scythe, driving the cows up into the high alps; my hands would be rough and calloused as we felt the hands of some of those dear elderly women. Because of the great faith and courage of our grandparents they were willing to leave their beautiful land of Switzerland and give us the blessing of being born in this promised land of America.

Since the day of our Fireside meeting in Thun, I often think of the thoughts expressed by President Percy K. Fetzner of the Swiss Temple when he said that we may realize it was difficult for our grandparents to leave their beautiful land but, as he said, "The qualities of Godliness are exhibited in the lives of people and not in the beauties of God's creations."

Our grandparents exhibited these qualities of Godliness and it is my hope that I can appreciate them and what they have done for me to the extent that I will examine my life, according to the two questions posed to us by President Fetzner, to see what I am "doing" and what I am "going to do" about this great heritage which they have passed on to me.

June, if this is a repetition of what others have given you or if it is not appropriate, just disregard it and do not include it in your account. In any case I will be so happy to get a copy of your history of our tour when it is completed.

With love and best wishes, sincerely,

Thelma